

ABSTRACT

5 A telecommunication system and method are disclosed for employing a
directory service or voicemail retrieval service over a telecommunication network.
10 The telecommunication system includes a telecommunication device having a
display for viewing textual information, the telecommunication device being
connected to a digital subscriber line (DSL) telephone network. A database
application includes directory information, and the database application is
remotely disposed relative to the telecommunication device. A mechanism is
coupled to the telecommunication device such that when the mechanism is
activated, a user is provided with access, through the DSL network, to directory
information on the data base application. The directory information is provided to
the display of the telecommunication device in response to user entered
information.